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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF BULGARIAN FISHING VESSEL

REF: A. SOFIA 126; B. STATE 20025

ROME FOR USDEL TO ICNAF

1. AFTER CALLING ME TO MFA, DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS
AVRAMOV OPENED CONVERSATION BY INFORMING THAT BULGAR
EMBASSY WASHINGTON WILL BE ISSUING FORMAL INVITATION
TO SECRETARY COMMERCE DENT TO VISIT BULGARIA (SEPTTEL).

2. WHEN ASKED IF I HAD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RE "LIMOZA" AND SINCE AVRAMOV HAD SO CLEARLY INDICATED
THAT GOB WISHES TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN IMPROVEMENT OF
RELATIONS DESPITE TRAWLER INCIDENT, I GAVE HIM INFOR-
MATION ON ILL SEAMEN. ALSO ADDED THERE HAD BEEN NO
PUBLICITY ON CASE IN LEADING NEWSPAPERS SINCE JANUARY
29 AND STRESSED POINT THAT NO US GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN-
CLUDING COAST GUARD HAD ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ON SUBJECT.

3. AVRAMOV FINALLY GOT TO POINT WHEN HE RAISED SECOND
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SUIT INVOLVING "LIMOZA". HIS VERSION FOLLOWED THAT SET

FORTH IN PARA 2 REF B EXCEPT HE DESCRIBED 65,000 DOLLARS AS BOND RATHER THAN DAMAGE. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH DIRECTOR OF INFLOT WHO CLAIMED CHIKONIYA NEVER INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH INCIDENT AND NO CLAIMS AGAINST SHIP EVER MADE. IN RESPONDING I CAREFULLY FOLLOWED INSTRUCTION IN PARA 2 ADDING THAT INFLOT SHOULD MAKE ALL FACTS AVAILABLE TO ITS LAWYER. AVRAMOV NOTED THAT INFLOT DIRECTOR WHO ATTENDED ICNAF MEETING HAD DISCUSSED INCIDENT AND SECOND SUIT WITH MEMBER US DELEGATION WHO WAS VERY SURPRISED RE SECOND SUIT.

4. CONVERSATION RELAXED THROUGHOUT. AVRAMOV THANKED ME FOR PROMPT ISSUANCE VISA TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR INFLOT WHO ON HIS WAY TO STATES AND FOR US OFFICIALS ASSISTANCE IN TREATMENT AND ONWARD TRAVEL OF SERIOUSLY SICK SEAMEN. BATJER

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